

# The Bullet

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## Review

# Bacchae Offers Authentic Greek Drama



The cast and crew of the Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance's latest production, The Bacchae

Photos by Dave Spatz

by GLENN BIRCH

MWC's Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance's latest offering, Euripides' *The Bacchae*, will give its viewers a taste of traditional Greek tragedy with a modern twist. The play opens tonight in Klein Theatre, and will run through Sunday, March 31. It is directed by Assistant Professor of dramatic arts, Michael Joyce.

Viewers of the play will first be struck by the use of traditional masks by the actors. Created by Costume Designer Devon Painter, with the help of Costume Advisor Rosemary Ingham, the masks add an authentic touch to this ancient work.

*The Bacchae* is a story of revenge by the god Dionysus on Thebans who question his divinity. Dionysus comes to earth in the form of actor Michael Huff, who stirs the local women into a drunken, uncontrollable frenzy. Among them is Agave, played by Gail Gustafson, the mother of Thebe's new ruler, Pentheus. Played by Michael Fisher, Pentheus rules Thebes oppressively and, flanked by guards, leads the opposition to Dionysus.

Dionysus' revenge is brought out on these two as a horrifying murder

and its surprising circumstances are revealed in the play's climax.

The *Bacchae* are a group of women who follow Dionysus and act both as a chorus and as a visual representation of the frenzy that is sweeping the Theban women. Seven dancers make up this group, which is led by Harriet Whitman. Their eerie chants and yelps set the tone for the



A member of the chorus displays an authentic Greek mask.

tragedy.

Technical Director David Hunt has designed a mammoth mountain-like backdrop, out of which caves, platforms and a staircase have been carved.

Eerie synthesized music and pace-setting drumbeats, provided by Assistant Professor of music David Long, is a modern addition that helps tremendously in setting and maintaining the plays unearthly, supernatural mood.

Joyce and his production staff have certainly taken on a challenge by selecting *The Bacchae*, a play which is demanding for both the actors and the audience. The rewards are there though, as well. *The Bacchae* offers the rare opportunity for its audience to see Greek tragedy performed fairly traditionally, but with the innovative touches of music, set and lighting that add to the play's inescapable mood of impending doom.

The play will begin at 8:15 p.m. through Saturday. The final performance, Sunday's matinee, will begin at 2:15 p.m. Tickets, which are free to MWC students and staff, may be reserved by calling the Klein Theatre box office at 899-4330.

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## Editorial

## Communication?

"Improving communication" seems once again to be the catch-all phrase for S.A. elections. As a number of the candidates include some plan to utilize *The Bullet's* role on campus, we feel a need to comment.

Apparently, potential members of the S.A. executive cabinet have some confusion over *The Bullet's* role on campus. Sure, we acknowledge the communication gap between student leaders and their constituents, but is it our responsibility to close that gap? We think not.

Our responsibility is to provide informative, entertaining reading on campus events and happenings (and to a lesser degree on local, state and national issues) to MWC students and staff. As the achievements of the Student Association and the Board of Visitors are newsworthy, we have and will continue to publish that information.

Coverage of the BOV's regular meetings; articles on the S.A.'s recent sign-in policy change; and a recent follow-up on last year's greek system and seal referendums are examples of our commitment to informing our readers of student and administrative decisions.

Obviously, we don't object to covering S.A., provided it does something that merits a news article. That coverage, however, must be done on our own terms, in the manner we deem fit. Any attempt by S.A. to "use" *The Bullet* threatens to take away our independence, and is not appreciated. We refuse to be S.A.'s tool.

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A student was found guilty of the Honor Violation of cheating and the penalty imposed was no dismissal.

A student was found guilty of the Honor Violation of lying and the penalty imposed was suspension for two semesters and the summer session of 1985.

To the Editor:

After reading Karen Rhodes' "A Modest Proposal" I feel compelled to respond. Karen may be "bored" with the abortion issue, but for many women faced with the decision, the issue is anything but boring.

A woman's right to a safe, legal abortion was affirmed by the Supreme Court in its *Roe vs. Wade* decision 12 years ago. Today anti-abortionists with their bombs and tactics of terror and intimidation threaten women's lives. From Everett, Wa., to Washington D.C., clinics are destroyed and women harassed. Hardly boring.

Anti-abortionists are taking their case to the media. Debates, films and displays are taking place here at MWC. At the same time, individuals and organizations (mainly the National Organization for Women) have been defending women's constitutional rights.

NOW is fighting for your friend "Joan" everyday. In 1985 NOW plans to expend \$147,000 on equality projects like equal pay for equal work, legislation for day care and school lunches and aid to single parents with dependent children.

In this era when even the people who feed us are cut off from aid, this is no small task. Because, Joan, rights are not just given away by some benevolent society, they are fought for and legislated. If our foremothers never fought, we would not be able to vote, or even express ourselves publicly, things we take for granted today.

What effect do these issues of reproductive freedom have the average MWC student? I agree with

Ms. Rhodes that "most have their minds pretty well made up." I consider this position quite sad. How can one make a moral decision for another, be it fetus or pregnant woman, without having doubts? (I realize that some bolster their positions with the Bible, or some other rationale.)

My modest proposal is that each and every woman on this campus get pregnant. Maybe you can manage this by getting raped (women ask for it, after all), or maybe you choose to be molested by your father, or maybe just once you forget to use contraception after getting too drunk at a keg party. Then tell me what a "boring issue" abortion is.

It is very easy to make pronouncements on others' behavior however when the decision is yours it becomes much more difficult. These decisions are very real for some women today, and contrary to belief, they are not taken lightly.

I wonder if men could get pregnant would they be working this hard to get their reproductive rights taken away? Is the rightist movement we see today trying to re-establish the misconception that women want to function only as baby makers and wives, without the intelligence to make up our own minds?

Judith M. K...

## Junior Praises Class Officers

To the Editor:

The purpose of my letter is to publicly thank the Junior Class Officers, Lori Brubaker, Kim Mears and Brenie Matute for the magnificent job that they did organizing the Junior Ring Week.

This week was unlike Ring Week of past years. Several Seniors remarked to me that they had wished their Ring Week could have been like ours, to which I could only respond that I had never seen such an event-packed week. Each and every activity was a unique one, from "Revenge of the Nerds" in the Pub, to the kegger with Crash Davenport (and our class mugs!), to the shuttles run to Ruby Tuesday's and the Holiday Inn, to the major events of Ring Presentation and Ring Dance.

An electricity of excitement was evident all around the campus, as well as a newly displayed unity that swept the Juniors. Each activity brought the class closer and closer, creating a unity that few classes have experienced. I am sure that, speak for the rest of the class, when say that I hope that there are a lot more class activities in the future of the class of 1986.

Our class officers have my admiration, as they have done a truly remarkable job. Thank you for the best week that I have ever had as Mary Washington, and congratulations, Lori, Brenie and Kim for a job well done.

Appreciatively Yours,  
Lisa Harvey

## Placement Office Needs Help

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, March 19, the Career Placement Office was closed to students seeking help, information and the use of the Career Library. I was outraged that in the little time I allot myself for job hunting, that I was unable to do so.

I was told that the office was closed to enable the staff to catch up on backlogged paperwork. Now please don't get me wrong, the staff in the Career Placement Office (CPO) is not lazy or inefficient. They are a very hard working staff trying to do the most that they can, for the students.

During my freshman year the college started a fund raising campaign, calling the parents of students and alumni for money. Two years later my parents received another phone call soliciting donations. As a Senior, the Alumni Association is already asking me to pledge money for the next three years. I have no objections to donating money to an institution that has given me a solid Liberal

Arts education.

Recently, a member of the CPO resigned. However, she offered to remain with the college on a part-time basis, in order to help the already short staffed office continue operating with minimal affect on the service provided to the students and to assist in the training of a new full time staff member.

Unfortunately, the college has refused her offer to continue part-time. A college official stated that staff members who resign their full time positions are not allowed to remain on the payroll as part time employees. As a result of this college policy, the already understaffed and small office has to close its doors to the student body.

The administration and Alumni Association should rethink some of their strategies and listen to the pleas of Mrs. Gordon, her staff, and students, that CPO is understaffed and lacks the proper facilities to provide the students the necessary service to find a job that pays well and

one that they are happy with. The college should keep in mind when trying to raise money, that an alumni without a good and steady job will be unwilling or unable to donate money to the college.

The college needs to focus its attention on seeing that Mary Washington College graduates are placed in jobs that meet their financial needs and are on the appropriate career paths. A policy to develop and expand the Career Placement Office will serve two purposes, first of all making students and their parents happy that they have a job and secondly alumni that are financially well off are in a better situation to donate sums of money to the college that will benefit the college and the administrations goals.

Let's make some adjustments to college policy and encourage a smooth transition in the Career Placement Office.

Sincerely,  
Dennis A. Dobson

# 3 Vie For President Spot



S.A. presidential candidates: Karen Anderson, Jim Cahill, and Troy Knighton. Photos by Prewitt Scripps

by SUSAN LOYD

Today the Student Association will hold its elections for Executive Cabinet positions and Honor Council president.

Voting is from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Seacobeck basement.

An open forum was held on Thursday which allowed candidates to present their platforms and answer questions from current position holders and students. Approximately 60 persons attended the forum, which was sponsored by the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee.

## S.A. President

Stressing a need for better communication between the Student Association and the student body and their diverse involvement within the college community, three candidates are running for the office of Student Association president. "The most important thing is that I'm involved right now and am aware of what's going on," said S.A. presidential candidate Karen Anderson.

Anderson, who is currently chairman of the S.A. Film Committee, stated as her main goal to change the way in which students are informed of S.A. operations. "I hope to tighten the communication between students and the administration as well as between students and student leaders," she said.

As well as Film Committee chairman, Anderson is also a member of the College Programming Board and a senator for Marshall Hall.

The name change, new drinking age law, new student center, new library and visitation policies are issues Anderson said will be of major interest next year. She plans to open lines of communication concerning these issues through the use of polls, media coverage and one-on-one contact with students.

"You have to make yourself presentable to your friends and other students," she said. "I hope to stay out there and still remain a student."

An economics and political science major, S.A. presidential candidate Jim Cahill stated the job of S.A. president requires someone "with experience who knows the system and is willing to speak out."

During his three years at MWC, Cahill has been involved with various committees, as well as holding the positions of Judicial Council representative, honor counselor and current S.A. executive coordinator.

Cahill also stressed his experience with the Board of Visitors and the administration. "Through my involvement, I have developed a working relationship with the BOV and the administration. I know how to

deal with them and know their workings," he said.

Stating that the BOV is very responsive to ideas, Cahill stressed that the S.A. president should be someone who has ideas, can plan them out and submit them effectively. "I don't hesitate to speak my mind and I will take the responsibility that a president must take on the issues," he said.

Cahill also acknowledged a communication problem between student leaders, the administration and the student body. He stated as a goal, listening to students as well as public opinion and using his personal contacts to receive reflections on problems. "By being involved, it has given me access to the different groups on campus," he said. "I want to let people get informed so they'll want to get involved."

Naming the senate as the main source of S.A./student contact, S.A. presidential candidate Troy Knighton stated better communication can be achieved by requiring a "more personal relationship between senators and students."

Knighton stated that through his experience as a senator, a judicial representative and Resident Assistant, he is highly diversified and "knows how the college works as a whole, not just the Student Association."

A major quality a S.A. president should possess is the ability to interact well with people, according to Knighton, who became an R.A. in Bushnell in order to strengthen his ability to listen and deal with people. "The S.A. president should be the voice of the student body but I want, as well, to be a voice to the student body," he said.

Knighton explained that improved communication is essential between S.A. and organizations such as the CPB, Class Council, Association of Residence Housing and Residence Life. Knighton said a major concern is the existing visitation policy, which he feels many students are unhappy with. He was very active in the 24-hour visitation study and stated he would like to conduct an extensive examination of the existing policies to determine student needs and concerns.

## S.A. Vice President

Running for the office of S.A. vice president are Sheryl DeVaux and Melissa Haines. The S.A. vice president serves on the executive cabinet, and as president of the Senate as well.

DeVaux, who has been a senator for two years and is current chairman of the Rules and Procedures Committee, stated as a main goal to "work with the senators and get them out to their constituents."

Calling for more Senate publicity through polls and forum, DeVaux

stated that students need to be informed of issues as well as have a say in policy making.

DeVaux is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the CPB, an honor councilor and member of the Family Weekend Committee.

Melissa Haines, calling for a unified Senate stated that "enthusiasm, organization and communication" are essential for a working relationship between senators and students.

Haines states meeting regularly with senators and having them report to her concerns of the students as a major goal.

"It's important that students feel they are a working part of Senate and their ideas are welcome," she said.

Stating enthusiasm as an important factor, Haines said "I can bring it to the position and bring that to the Senate."

Haines, a historic preservation major, has been a senator for two years, and chairman of the special projects committee for one and a half years. She also has leadership experience with various clubs on campus.

## Judicial Chairman

Re-evaluating the new sign-in policy and better educating students about Judicial court are major priorities of Judicial Chairman candidate Donna Metzger.

"I want to get student opinions and ideas of the Judicial Court," she said.

Metzger stated that mock trials early in the year, polls on the sign-in policy and better media coverage are ways in which she will work to create better student awareness. "We need to remind the students that we're here to protect them, not hang them," she said.

Metzger has been a judicial representative during her sophomore and junior years, member of the S.A. Family Weekend and 75 Anniversary Committees, a Senator and participant in the Leadership Educational Achievement Program (LEAP).

Chris O'Donnell, a current sophomore judicial representative running for judicial chairman, would like to see increased organization of the Council, as well as more flexible punishments.

"I would suggest to the court that sentences should be adapted to the individual," he said. O'Donnell also calls for more creative sentences, such as community service jobs.

O'Donnell supports the new guilty plea clause adopted by the court, but would like to see the court, rather than the Judicial Chairman, give out sentences for those that choose to plead the clause. "I would like to see the Council do this, if not, the purpose of the Council is defeated,"

## Academic Affairs

"I will work for academic excellence as well as diversified activities on campus," said Academic Affairs Committee Vice Chairperson Beth Belden, who is seeking the office of Academic Affairs chairman. She says she has worked closely with

the committee in the past year as a historic preservation department representative and student representative on an Academic Affairs faculty committee.

Through her past experience with hall councils, clubs, honor counseling and hall judicial councils, Belden stated she has "touched almost every aspect of the campus community."

If elected, Belden says she will stress increased interaction between Academic Affairs and the rest of the campus. "I will have the AAC work with the ideas generated from different places on campus," she explained.

Closer involvement with the faculty and better publicity are among Belden's goals for the AAC. "I would like to make us more visible to the faculty, and bring more student opinions to the faculty meetings," she added.

"I am an academic person and really concerned with academics on campus," stated Academic Affairs chairman candidate Bruce Loving.

Loving has been involved with AAC as a history department representative and Student Faculty Committee member. He is also a member of Mortar Board, Regional Scholars, Alpha Phi Sigma and Phi Alpha Theta.

In addition, Loving serves on the committee for Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity (AA/EEO). This committee reviews the hiring practices for faculty and other college staff, and hears discrimination grievances.

The publication of AAC minutes for all students, the reduction of the committee's size, the implementation of a Tutorial Board Program, and the establishment of an advising session for undeclared majors are among Loving's major goals for the committee.

## Lobby Chairman

Mary Loose, a Junior with extensive involvement in the College Republicans as secretary, Executive Board member and immediate past chairman, is one of three candidates seeking the position of S.A. Lobby Chairman.

Loose, who has been involved with politics since high school, is actively involved with "local and state politics, and is a representative to the 7th Congressional District Committee of College Republicans, a seat holder on the Republican Party Central Committee, and a member of the State Lobby."

As a major asset, Loose stressed her three years as a student at MWC and her involvement in many aspects of the college, including work on *The Battlefield*. "I am aware of the needs of college students and students in general, and am able to present their points effectively and gain results," she said.

Although very proud of her Republican affiliation, Loose states that in order to be an effective Lobby Chairman, "you don't have to be a Democrat or Republican, just a college student. I will only have one general concern and that is college students needs," she added.

Loose sees the Lobby Committee as not only an effective tool in Richmond, but also in the MWC Senate and Fredericksburg City Council.

Dan McCardell, who transferred to MWC from Ferrum College last semester, stressed his recent involvement with the Virginia Student Association as qualification for the position of Lobby Chairman.

"I have carried the present Lobby Chairman's proxy to the last two VASA meetings and feel I know the process and can get in there and effectively lobby for student rights," he said.

McCardell is also acquainted with various local delegates and feels the Lobby Committee, "must work within this legislative process for our rights as students."

McCardell states that better campus media coverage of Lobby events is essential, he also considers lobbying for a change in Fredericksburg zoning, a major goal. McCardell stated that students should be given a better opportunity to rent housing off-campus because, "they are a viable part of the community."

Concerning President Reagan's desire to cut student loans, McCardell strongly supports the move. Although he will defend student concerns, McCardell stated, "the deficit must be cut."

Stating that the Lobby Committee too often directs its interest state wide, Lobby Committee chairman candidate Greg Waters called for more lobbying at the local level.

Waters advocates changes in the present student parking facilities at MWC, as well as Fredericksburg zoning laws.

"I want to be the person there to see that your needs are met. Lobby can be an effective organization and be your organization," he said.

Waters, a sophomore Business Administration and Political Science major, has been involved with politics for six years and is currently the vice-chairman of the Lobby Committee.

Also acknowledging his devotion to the Republican party, Waters insisted that as Lobby Chairman, he would represent student interests, "regardless of what the interest is."

## Honor Council President I.C.A. President

Running unopposed for the office of Honor Council president is sophomore Janet Hall, a representative on the court for two years. Sophomore Sharon Franklin is also running unopposed for the office of Inter-Collegiate Association president.

Students will also vote today on a referendum concerning Honor Council constitutional changes. The proposed changes include the addition of a graduate student to the court, a clearer definition of plagiarism and a change in wording of "no dismissal" to "conviction without dismissal." Other changes include giving voice to the aid to the accuser and permitting students to remain on campus and attend classes during their appeal process.



# Fickett Encourages Political Participation

by JILLIAN MCKENZIE

Political Science Professor Lewis Fickett has been teaching at Mary Washington for as many years as most seniors are old. In that time he

says he has seen the school evolve from a small women's college to a nationally ranked liberal arts college. He has also seen "certain ups and downs in political activism" on campus.

Fickett came to MWC in 1963, in the midst of the Civil Rights movement. Afterwards there came the Vietnam war which created a tremendous amount of student activism. During that era, students had a "healthy interest in issues beyond the campus," Fickett says. Active student participation in politics has been on the decline in recent years, however, and Fickett says it is a reflection of the times.

"A return to materialism" has created apathy according to Fickett. In the past we had the "politics of need and now we have the politics of greed," he says.

"Citizenship requires more than just getting a job," he says. He stressed the importance of activism and criticized students on campus for being "too sleepy" with regard to politics.

Fickett notes that the three students currently running for lobby chairperson are all active members of College Republicans, saying that college campuses are becoming increasingly Republican. He says that it does not matter which side a person is on, as long as she/he is active.

Since working on the Muskie campaign while at Bowdoin College in 1954, Fickett himself has been active in politics. He changed his political perspective in college and decided to

join the Young Democrats. Both his father and grandfather were liberal Republicans in the Virginia Legislature. A veteran of World War II, a former Foreign Service officer, and a practicing lawyer, Fickett was also a Democratic delegate to the Virginia General Assembly. He is still actively involved in politics and has filed to be a delegate for Lt. Governor Dick Davis at this summer's Democratic Convention.

*"Citizenship requires more than just getting a job."*

Fickett supports Davis over an "able" Gerry Baliles because he feels Davis "represents the true Democratic party, concerned with helping people." Despite being "one hundred percent behind Dick Davis," Fickett admits that Davis will have difficulty winning in a traditionally conservative Virginia.

Agreeing with the idea that the more educated you are, the more liberal you are, Fickett continually returns to the subject of education which was his primary interest as a member of the General Assembly.

"The working poor suffer the most

Photo by Prewitt Scripps



Professor of Political Science Lewis Fickett

under federal cutbacks," Fickett says. Reagan's budget cuts do not allow access to those who need it most. Unfortunately, Fickett says, "Welfare has become a code word for race."

Fickett does not seem optimistic that the attitudes on campus will ever change drastically, especially regarding student activism. However, Fickett says he has seen growth in the number of minority students on campus since he first arrived 22 years ago.

## Vaccination Unnecessary

## No Shots for Students

by LAURA M. MASON

Despite a measles scare on college campuses nationwide, MWC students will not have to undergo measles immunization, according to College Physician Dr. Ilma Overman.

Overman explained that all MWC students who have not had the disease were required to have a vaccination before attending the college. Those who have had the disease acquire a natural immunity.

Overman added that she has never seen a case of measles in the eight years she has been at MWC.

According to the *Washington Post*, the national measles scare began at Principia College in Illinois where three students died after contracting the disease. Students at Principia, a Christian Science school, do not accept immunization. At least

100 students have been diagnosed with measles there.

At Boston University, 55 students were reported stricken before their March 2 Spring Break.

The disease has also had an effect closer to home. At the University of Maryland, 675 persons underwent a voluntary immunization earlier this month, the *Post* reported. The inoculation was scheduled before spring break, because officials feared an epidemic during the annual student pilgrimage to Florida.

Dr. Margaret Birdwell, director of health services at the University of Maryland, told a *Post* reporter that college-age persons are especially susceptible to measles because when they were young, vaccinations were not completely effective, but relatively few contracted the disease.

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# Bushnell Bares the Beef

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

Their mothers would be proud. Not since they last wore diapers have their sons looked so good. As each one stepped into the limelight, they were greeted with hearty cheers, and frantic female screams, stamping feet and clapping hands. The beer was flowing and somebody finally yelled... "Take it off!"

Pacifying the females of the Wash has never been easy, but the boys from Bushnell presented their striptease of nine MWC males, "For Ladies Only," last Thursday evening in Seacobeck basement.

Sporting black pants, bow ties and glistening muscular chests, MWC's own "Chippendales" hopped about peddling pitchers of beer among the eager audience. Mistress of Ceremonies, Stacey Dunn, kept the audience enthusiastic during the beer peddling, and around 10 p.m. started the show, announcing—"this is what you call a Striptease!"

Opening the show were "Biggs and Hard," with shirts and ties, the classic Yuppie look. The tall, dark and handsome duo of Jim Hard and David Biggs gave Itza pizza some free advertising when they dropped

their pants to reveal Itza Pizza stickers, and a banner noting "We deliver" across the seat of Hard's boxers.

Rob Turner delivered a bit of "Flesh for Fantasy", to the tune of that song, while shedding a tank top and full fatigues. M.C. Stacey Dunn expressed the sight best when she commented, "I'll do maneuvers with you anytime, Rob."

Buffalo Bill, alias Kent Rice, came galloping onstage in his boots and western paraphernalia, and rode off into the spotlight on his trusty mop, leaving his clothes behind.

Rob Noll, slowed the pace down as he glided across the stage, subtly flaunting a three piece suit. Shedding the suit to revealing black briefs, Noll received his share of screams from the audience.

Opting for the traditional Chippendale tie and cuffs, Karl Kratzer, with a smile that just wouldn't quit, stirred the audience into a frenzy. Stripping to the strains of "You're my Obsession," Karl was mobbed by greenback waving fans, who appeared to perhaps find some deeper meaning in the song...

MWC's own famous Seacobeck checker, Bob Birt, put in a surprise appearance and wowed the audience

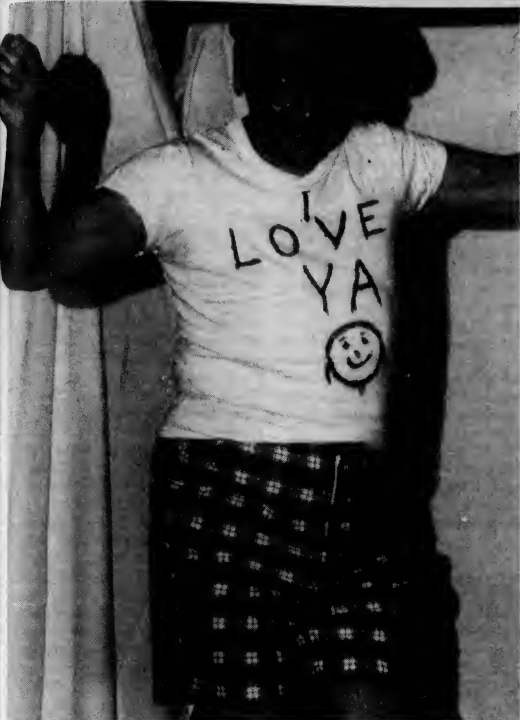
with his preppie plaid shorts and pressed white T-shirt reading, "I Love Ya!"

The man with the beat definitely had to be Mike Noriega, alias "The White Gloved Wonder." He had the effect of making one completely forget whatever else he had been wearing, with the appearance of those amazing red briefs. The girl behind me was at an incredible loss for words, all she kept saying was "Oh—My—God, Oh—My God..."

MWC newcomer Pat McAleer, held his own with the established competition and shed a full attire of overcoat, suit, tie and hat. Yet another pair of snug black briefs drew more screeches and waving greenbacks from the crowd.

Wrapping up the show was MWC's biggest tease. Gradually wriggling out of full fatigues and shades, to Frankie Goes to Hollywood's "Relax," when the clothes were finally off, Karl Stith delivered some of the best bumps and grinds probably ever seen on campus.

As they all returned to stage together for a final male review, it was indeed obvious that the audience had witnessed the success of yet "Another Fine Bushnell Production."



Strip show spectators had a surprise visit from MWC's favorite checker, Bob Birt.

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# Reputation, Not Name, Gives MWC Status

Two of the Bullet's senior columnists, Richard Ehrle and David Minor, have chosen to vent their feelings over the proposed name change for the college jointly this week.

David Minor: Hey Rich, you'll never guess what I discussed at breakfast this morning. A girl was talking to me about the senior challenge fund raising drive. She told me that she was going to wait to donate any money to the college until a decision is made on whether to change the college's name. What do you think about all this name change talk?

Richard Ehrle: I don't agree with changing the name of the college. The problem is more with our reputation than our name. To most senior high school students, it is not so much the name but the reputation that matters. So I think the college needs to spend more time on developing its reputation than on changing the name. I have to admit that at first when I looked into attending Mary Washington, I was put off by its name. But upon investigating the background of the teachers and the reputation of the school, I chose MWC.

Minor: What you are saying, then, is the college has a problem communicating its true nature to the general public. I tend to agree with

that point. Mary Washington, despite all its positive points, is not well known to high school students. The first time I heard about Mary Washington, a guidance counselor friend told me about the Regional Scholar program. The school kept in touch with me throughout the time I was deciding which school to attend. That recruiting, along with my visits to the campus, were the key factors to my attending good old Mary Wash.

Ehrle: It seems that by changing the name of the school, the Board of Visitors are indicating that the school has some distinct problems, which cannot be good for enrollment. Students applying to colleges would have a negative perception of Mary Washington College which would not enhance the enrollment in the college over the short run, or, let's say, ten years.

Even though the school has changed its name in the past, the school was nowhere near the size or complexity it is now; the college has grown up, so to speak, under the name of Mary Washington. Any other name using Washington would be confusing due to the number of institutions employing that name in the area and in the nation.

Minor: How right you are! To me, the buildings and the campus say

Mary Washington College. I have spent four years of my life working to get a degree...not just any degree, but a Mary Washington College degree. If I had wanted to go to George Mason, I would have gone. But, so I hear, Mary Washington is in the top three academic institutions in Virginia.

Our undergraduate library is the largest in the state. And I could go on with the whole marketing pitch. I think that changing the name would represent a wish to change the very image of Mary Washington College. Is there such a negative image of the college that its positive points are obscured?

Ehrle: Yes! What the school needs to do is emphasize academics. By concentrating their energy into further developing the academic programs here the school will be better able to enhance its image as a top notch academic institution which would then attract more students of higher quality.

Minor: Well, I cannot conceive a name change enhancing this college's reputation for academics. Unless, of course, we rename the school "Albert Einstein, Henry Kiss-

inger Linus Pauling Jonas Salk Thomas Edison College of Superior Intellectual Achievement." What we need is to show the world what we are, not try to rename us and repackage us. If anything, those negative points a student faces when he comes to Mary Washington should be improved.

A name change will not help a primitive key-in system become more progressive, nor will it alleviate the ridiculous residential parking situation. Cramming three or four people to a small room during their freshman year probably hurts our reputation more than naming our school after George's Mother.

Ehrle: You're right. Students are housed in old buildings that can be dark and bleak. Residential students in most halls have no way of having telephones in their rooms. And this is in the space age! I am glad I don't live on a large hall where time limits have to be enforced on telephone use. It's hard to tell parents at the beginning of the year that they paid the same amount for their son to live in a triple as someone else did for their son who lives in a double. That's the way it is in Custis and Madison.

Another policy of absurdity is the visitation procedure in the dorms. Our policy is the laughing stock of visitors from other colleges. Fortunately, the new visitation policy is a step in the right direction.

Minor: Living conditions are a big part of college. If our school's policies are over-protective, certainly the college will get a bad image simply by word of mouth.

Ehrle: The students are the best salesmen for their school. Since we are in the best position to talk about the strong and weak points of the school, if we have major complaints, other people will get a negative impression.

Minor: A change in the school's name would simply be a cosmetic change aimed at ending a female oriented image. Once students investigated beyond the new name, however, they would find the same pluses and minuses that already are part of this college. A name does not an institution make, but a progressive and adult residence life program, as well as superior academics and sports do make favorable impressions to the visitors and students who come to MWC.

## Major To Be Phased Out

by DEBRA BRISENDINE

Because of inadequate funds and faculty, plans to phase out and eventually eliminate Mary Washington College's public administration program over a two year period were recently announced by college officials.

Chairman of the business and public administration department, Steven Czarsty, said that after a departmental analysis of the program, it was determined that money must be spent if the program is to offer quality to its students.

Czarsty said that the department needs to be built up, but funds are unavailable. Approximately eight courses in public administration are offered to its degree-seeking students, as well as to all students, each year, while political science, economics and business courses are additionally required. However, Czarsty said, "Other courses are diluting the public administration major." He added that there is a need for a greater offering of core courses to satisfy degree requirements rather than filling in with courses from other departments.

M.H. Lindeman, associate professor of public administration and the only professor appointed to the program, said that for any major there is a need for part-time or full-time faculty devoted to that program. "The college in its wisdom has decided not to commit anymore resources to the program," she said.

Therefore, an increase in staff is not possible, and professors assigned to other disciplines must be relied upon to teach public administration courses.

Eight public administration students are expected to graduate this May, three in 1986, and five in 1987, the program's final year. Senior Amy Allen, president of the Public Administration Club, said: "The manner in which the major was dropped was not considerate to the students. Those entering the major did not have time to prepare for such a drastic change."


Allen commented that the program was not given a fair chance, since it began in 1980, and is disheartened with the way the department dealt with the issue. "They didn't give it a fight," she said. Allen also raised the question of why there are no funds available to better staff the public administration department, while funds are available to do so in other departments with an equal or smaller enrollment.

Czarsty said all declared majors have been assured they will be given the opportunity to graduate on schedule and with a bachelor's degree in public administration. Until 1987, fewer courses in the major will be offered each semester, but Czarsty anticipates retaining a couple of courses after the major program is dropped.


Lindeman said the problem is not a departmental one, and the decision to terminate a program always rests with the college.

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# Diver Almost Qualifies For NCAA Nationals

by WENDY LaRUE

Suzanne Sonnergren almost topped off her diving season with a trip to the NCAA National Diving Meet.

But, when filing the final entry form her coach Jim Grace discovered a new ruling that added a minimum degree of difficulty total to the standard of scoring 383 points in 11 dives.

With 411 points for her dives at the MWC Diving Invitational held in January, Sonnergren easily met the requirement for points. However, she fell short of the 13.1 point minimum for degree of difficulty by nine-tenths of a point.

"This really pulls the rug out from under our us," said Grace. "We were all set to go, then we found out about this."

After she met the scoring standard Sonnergren consented on perfecting the dives she had used at

the MWC Invitational rather than working on new or more difficult ones.

When she discovered she needed to improve her degree of difficulty level the regular season was already over, leaving her with no opportunity to try to qualify with more difficult dives.

"I think with a lot of hard work I could have still made it," said Sonnergren. "I only wish I would have known sooner. I had more difficult dives."

Grace, noting that Sonnergren is only a sophomore this year said, "There's always next year."



Photos by Prewitt Scripps

Diver Suzanne Sonnergren practices her craft.



Photo by Prewitt Scripps

# Crew Wins Scrimages

by JILL STRINGETT

The crew club used spring break to prepare for its upcoming season by traveling to Chestertown, Maryland to scrimmage with Washington College.

After extensive drill work and receiving rowing tips from the Washington College coaches the teams scrimaged with MWC winning the four-man 2000-meter race and the the women's eight 1000-meter race.

This was the club's first try at racing after several months of indoor trainging.

Winter training, which included

weight lifting and running started shortly after the beginning of the spring semester. In addition the club used this time to teach its new coxwains the coxing commands and techniques.

"The club has been working really hard," said team member Laura Shaw. "We hope to become a varsity sport with efficient and practical equipment to compete with."

The rowers will be facing a tough schedule, competing against schools such as the University of Virginia, Georgetown and George Mason, but Shaw feels the club will fare well against it's competition.

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Men's tennis versus Washington College at 3 p.m.  
Women's tennis versus Virginia Wesleyan at 3:30 p.m.

MARCH 30  
Men's and women's track host the MWC Battleground Relays. Events will be held throughout the day.  
Women's tennis versus Bucknell at 1 p.m.

## College Paper Seeks Help

The Bullet is now taking applications for the '85-'86 editorial board. All positions (Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, News Editor, Features Editor, Sports Editor, Photography Editor, Business Manager, Production Manager, and Advertising Manager) are open and applications should include personal data, qualifications and a statement explaining why you are seeking the job. Deadline for the applications is April 8 at 5 p.m. Questions? Contact Glenn Birch at X4393.

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